

*You based your decision to loosen media ownership rules on faulty information.

*This decision will reduce the diversity of information, opinion, and entertainment people get.

*You have stated that the 35% limit was outdated due to the growing number of cable TV stations, even though many of these cable TV stations are owned by the same corporations [Viacom, News Corp., Disney, et al) that own the broadcast networks.

*You've stated that the Internet provides enough sources of information and entertainment to compete with the media giants, but you neglected to mention that these media giants supply much of the content for major Internet sites, thus narrowing diversity.

*If the TV networks were really losing their influence to cable and the Internet, as you've said they are, then their dominance of the advertising dollar would be ebbing, which it clearly is not.

*The television programs that have had the greatest impact on the American public over the years have traditionally come from a broadly diverse group of independent writers and producers speaking with individual voices, but it is these very writers and producers that are being shut out because of these new ownership rules (which were, again, based on falsified information).

*Finally, here is a quote made by the former Writers Guild of America president, Victoria Riskin, on June 2nd, 2003, immediately following your partisan vote to loosen media ownership regulations: "The winners today were five media giants. The losers were the American people."